

**Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division: Second Judicial Department**

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E/ct

RANDALL T. ENG, P.J.
WILLIAM F. MASTRO
REINALDO E. RIVERA
PETER B. SKELOS
MARK C. DILLON, JJ.

2014-05507

In the Matter of Ruth E. Cowan,
an attorney and counselor-at-law.

**DECISION & ORDER
VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION**

(Attorney Registration No. 1945476)

Ruth E. Cowan has voluntarily submitted an affidavit dated May 29, 2014, wherein she resigns from the New York State Bar. Ms. Cowan was admitted to the Bar in the State of New York at a term of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the Second Judicial Department on June 1, 1983. There are no complaints or charges of professional misconduct pending against her. Ms. Cowan presently resides in New Jersey, does not practice law in New York, and under these circumstances, does not wish to pay the biennial registration fee.

Upon the papers submitted in support of the resignation, it is

ORDERED that the voluntary resignation of Ruth E. Cowan is accepted and directed to be filed; and it is further,

ORDERED that the name of Ruth E. Cowan is removed from the roll of attorneys and counselors-at-law in the State of New York, without prejudice to an application for reinstatement; and it is further,

ORDERED that pursuant to Judiciary Law § 90, effective immediately, Ruth E. Cowan is commanded to desist and refrain from (1) practicing law in any form, either as principal or as agent, clerk, or employee of another in the State of New York, (2) appearing as an attorney or counselor-at-law before any court, Judge, Justice, board, commission, or other public authority in this State, (3) giving to another an opinion as to the law or its application or any advice in relation thereto in this State, and (4) holding herself out in any way as an attorney and counselor-at-law in the State of New York; and it is further,

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ORDERED that if Ruth E. Cowan has been issued a secure pass by the Office of Court Administration, it shall be returned forthwith to the issuing agency.

ENG, P.J., MASTRO, RIVERA, SKELOS and DILLON, JJ., concur.

ENTER:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Aprilanne Agostino". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Aprilanne Agostino
Clerk of the Court